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Wegeng et al.

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THERMALLY-ENHANCED  
PRESSURE SWING  
ADSORPTION

Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: F. Lawrence

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Sir:

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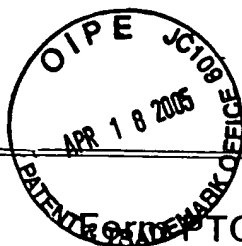
If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

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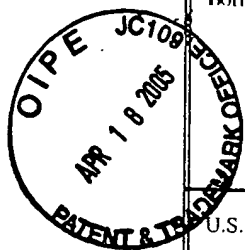
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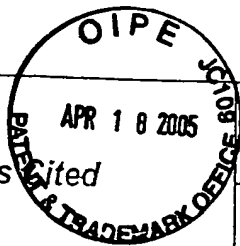
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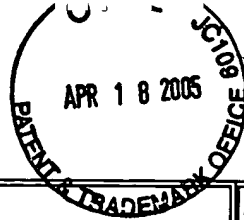
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